(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. This has been done in order to avoid any possibility of discrimination. The Department of Personnel and Training has decided not to indicate the community status in the official website of the Department.

Ban on the sale of land of tribals

†3010. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was a ban imposed on the sale of land of tribals to the people of non-tribal community in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa;

(b) the provisions made for strict implementation of the said ban;

(c) the number of tribals whose land has been recovered during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 under the above provisions; and

(d) the number of people whose cases are under consideration and the details of the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance for opening of Eklavya Model Residential School

3011. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Orissa has demanded Central assistance for opening at least one Eklavya Model Residential School in each block of the scheduled area of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Orissa has also asked for more funds for extension of SSA facilities to schools managed by ST/SC Development Department; and

(d) if so, the time-frame within which these demands would be considered and relief provided to this backward State?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the issue regarding opening of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in each Block of Tribal Sub-Plan Areas (TSP) has been raised by the State Government of Orissa during the meeting held with Government of India. The Ministry has so far sanctioned 100 EMRSs in the country, out of which 10 are in Orissa. There is no proposal at present to increase the total number of EMRSs already sanctioned.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Orissa has reported that they had asked for sanction of additional classrooms under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and for other facilities to be extended to schools of the ST and SC Development Department. Extension of these facilities to the schools run by the ST & SC Dev. Deptt. have now been agreed to. As reported by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the annual Work Plan and Budget for the SSA 2007-08, for Orissa, has been approved by Government of India on 18.4.2007.

Land for rehabilitation of adivasis in Kerala

3012. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has forwarded a request for financial assistance for taking up development work and also to purchase land for rehabilitating adivasis in Wayanad district of Kerala;

(b) if so. the details of the amount sought by the State; and

(c) the steps taken b*y Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) A proposal for financial assistance for taking up development work and also to purchase land for rehabilitating adivasis in Wayanad district of Kerala had been received in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(b) An amount of Rs. 630.00 crore was sought from the Government of India.

(c) The matter was referred back to State Government of Kerala to revise the proposal in accordance with the funds allocated to the State. The Government of Kerala has not yet responded on the issue.